publication of brochures, joint advertising and brochure support and familiarisation tours of media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers.

The Ministry, promotes India as a preferred tourist destination and there is no State-wise allocation of funds. The expenditure on Overseas Promotion and Publicity in the last two years is given below:

1. 2005-06 Rs. 140 Crore

2. 2006-07 Rs. 165 Crore

Package for development of tourtsm in Sikkiin

271. SHRI O.T LEPCHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme as a special package for the development of touifism in the State of Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by Government thereto; ahd

(c) the details of funds allocated to the State of Sikkim for development of tourism during the last three years and current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism related projects for tourist destinations and circuits including religious place to the North East Region under the following schemes:

(i) Product/Infastructure Development for Destination and Circuits

(ii) Information Technology

(iii) Fairs/Festival/Events

(iv) Large Revenue Generating Projects

(c) Amount sanctioned during the last three years and current fmancjal year to the State of Sikkim is as follows:

(Rs in lakh)

Year	Amount sacntioned
2004-05	655.81
2005-06	2712.89
2006-07	2609.42
2007-08 (till date)	5378.88

Beautification of Durga Hatkoti Mandir in Shimla

272. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has received a representation which was forwarded by the Prime Minister's office in the months of August, 2007 regarding renovation/beautification of Durga Hatkoti Mandir in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh on the pattern of Mata Vaishno Devi Mandir;